

Natural Disasters

Events that may cause a disaster and create an emergency can occur without warning. Earthquakes, floods, fire, hurricanes, thunderstorms, winter storms, tornadoes, volcanoes, landslides and tsunamis disrupt the lives of thousands of people each year. If a natural disaster occurs in our area, local responders, public health and disaster relief organizations will try to help you. However, they may not be able to reach you immediately. You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that can occur here.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers a free helpful brochure, "Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness." To order the document, call (800) 480-2520 or visit [FEMA's web site](#).